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Sandy - I'm not sure how to submit "Hot Topics" but here it is. If you need me to do something else on this, please let me know. Thanks.

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Paula/Jennifer

Please do a hot topic on the meetings and coordination we are doing with the City and City Counsel representatives for this week and share the level of engagement we are anticipating from them. Please cc me when you pass on to Judy.

Thanks.  
Sandy

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## **HOT TOPICS: VB/I-70 – OU-01**

June 26, 2012

As part of obtaining access to certain residential properties for soil sampling later this summer, the VB/I-70 team has initiated several community outreach efforts. This is a summary of our efforts to date and our planned efforts going forth.

### **Outreach Efforts:**

EPA staff has a weekly team meeting that includes CDPHE staff. In early April, the Program and the EPA attorney and enforcement specialist met with CDPHE counsel and management to discuss the concept of placing a notice on properties that have not been sampled or cleaned up. In recent weeks, CDPHE staff briefed the Governor's office, as is their protocol.

The RPM and the CIC have discussed the project several times with Denver Department of Environmental Health staff (DEH) in meetings, phone conversations and thru e:mail correspondence. Recently, EPA staff and management met with DEH staff and management and the Mayor's office staff on June 18. In the last couple of weeks, EPA has provided both CDPHE and DEH staff with the opportunity to review and comment on draft outreach materials including letters to property owners.

EPA and DEH staff also briefed Councilman Albus Brooks on June 22 and Councilwoman Judy Montero on June 25. In addition, EPA staff provided information about the sampling and cleanup effort to congressional staffers, state legislators and community leaders and offered to meet with them. So far, only a few community leaders have responded with a request for more information.

EPA began contacting the target property owners by letter the week of June 18th. All materials have been translated into Spanish and included with the mailings. Overall, the outreach strategy for this action is targeted to the property owners at the outstanding properties. EPA does not want to confuse the 97 percent of the property owners in the community who in the past have provided EPA access to their properties.

### **Next Steps:**

EPA is hosting an informational session at Bruce Randolph School on Thursday, June 28 from 5-7 pm. EPA will also be coordinating door-to-door outreach throughout July, beginning the week of July 9, with community leaders identified with help from the Mayor's office and City Council members Brooks and Montero. Thus far, all input from the city, state, elected officials and community leaders has been in favor of this action. Councilman Brooks suggested strongly that EPA have people from the community go door-to-door. EPA agrees and is coordinating that with his office while figuring out a payment mechanism for their time.

DEH management has expressed some concerns regarding communication with EPA about this action. A meeting between EPA and DEH management is set for Wednesday afternoon, June 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss their concerns.